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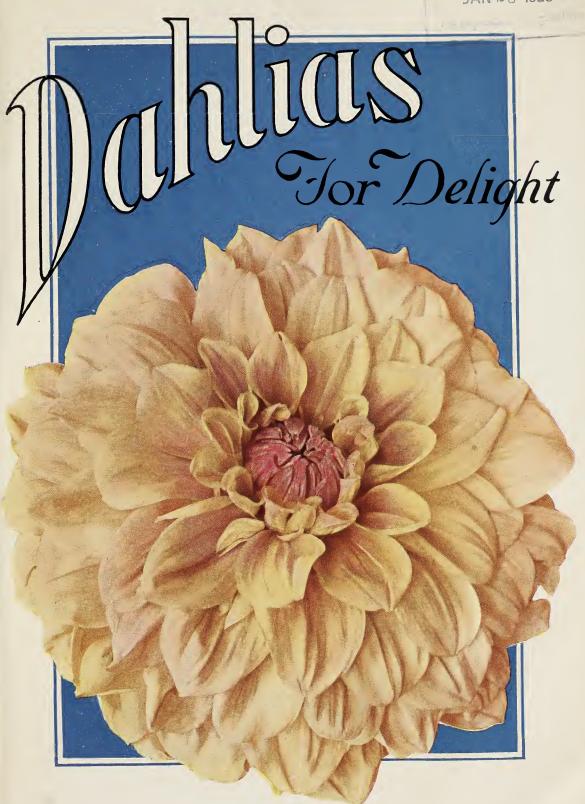
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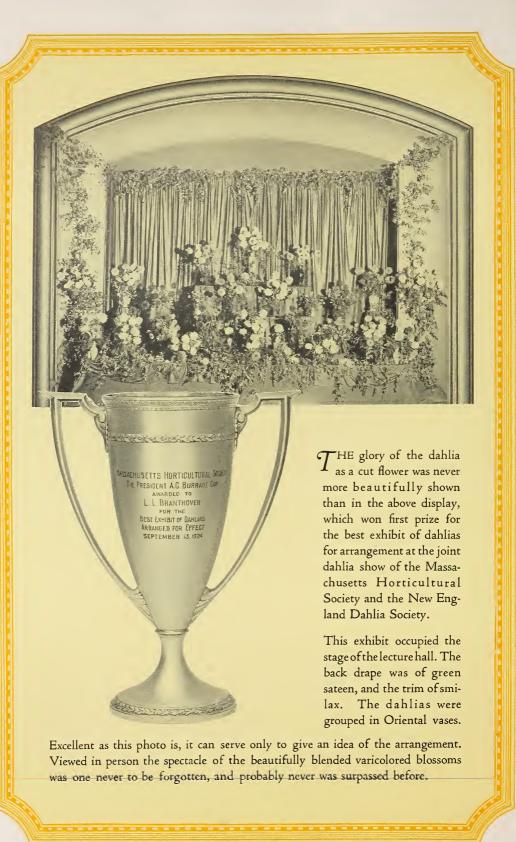
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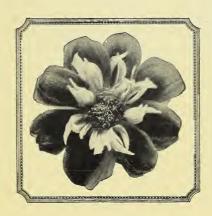
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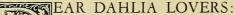
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Proof of the ever-increasing interest in the dahlia is not lacking. The annual dahlia exhibits throughout the United States are

now attracting more people than any other flower shows.

And this wouldn't be the case if it weren't for the great improvement in dahlia culture, which, with all its progress, is still in its infancy.

The demand is for a double purpose flower, one with a good, sturdy stem, and the other a free bloomer; the first for cutting purposes, the second for garden display.

We are specializing in the varieties which meet this dual test, and although there are hundreds of varieties of dahlias, we do not care to encourage the culture of any which do not give all-round satisfaction. It isn't a matter of numbers, it is a matter of quality.

Has it ever occurred to you in how many respects flowers are like people? Weak, sickly, inefficient parents cannot produce strong, vigorous children; and sturdy, prolific plants can only come from good parent stock. But good stock alone is not sufficient—the food must be right. It is just as important to prepare the soil as it is to prepare the food we eat. The plant is determined by what it is given to build with. This is the simplest logic, but very frequently overlooked.

Those are the reasons why we use such exquisite care in selection. It explains why we plant and sell nothing but new tubers grown from vigorous stock, and why, when we separate the clumps, all old tubers are discarded.

The largest part of our satisfaction in dahlia growing comes from the realization that in following the methods chosen we are adding to the sum total of happiness from flowers. The care, foresight, and work involved in bringing to fruition a beautiful dahlia garden are too much to waste on stock which does not contain the qualities of success. This is, necessarily, a form of commercial enter-

prise; it is a business; but is the outgrowth of a love for flowers, particularly the dahlia, and a determination to grow the most excellent and beautiful of specimens possible. That ideal is the wellspring of this business. Its response can be found in your own flower garden.

Our success this past year with public exhibits has merely borne out the contentions we have repeatedly made for proper dahlia culture.

At Swampscott, Massachusetts, in the Annual Dahlia Show at the Ocean House, we were awarded first prize for the finest and most artistic display of all-long-stemmed blossoms. At the same show twenty-five blossoms of "Pride of California" carried off first prize for the best basket of dahlias.

We were also awarded first prize at the joint dahlia show of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society and New England Dahlia Society, held September thirteenth and fourteenth, for the finest and most artistic exhibit not to exceed one hundred fifty square feet (see page 2 for illustration). We also won first prize for the largest and finest display under the rules of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. These two capital prize exhibits comprised about one thousand blossoms with long stems in baskets and vases. It is to be regretted that we cannot reproduce them in their gorgeous colorings.

The future of the dahlia is assured. It is making both a name and a place for itself, and its progress will come the faster as we concentrate more on those types which not only look beautiful in blooming, but will stand up strong and vigorous when cut.

You are welcome in our gardens. It is our great pleasure to show them, and if our stock is chosen, and cultural directions followed, you have a right to look for similar results. Great pleasure is in store for you.

Cordially,

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General Instructions

ORDERS. Consider ordering as early as possible, to avoid disappointment, since the demand for some varieties exceeds the supply. We suggest when ordering late in the season that several substitutes be named, so that in the event that we are oversold on the varieties selected, substitution may be made.

No order accepted for less than \$1.00, unless 10 cents extra is added to

cover cost of packing.

TIME OF SHIPMENT. Unless otherwise specified, your order will be shipped so as to arrive at proper planting time in your locality. If received too early to plant, or you are not prepared to do so, the tubers should be unpacked and kept in a dry, cool place, away from the outside air.

PACKING. No charge is made for packing except when order is for less than \$1.00. Our careful attention is given to this to insure arrival in good condition.

SHIPMENTS PREPAID. All shipments are made prepaid, either by parcel post or express.

REMITTANCES may be made by check, post-office or express money order, or registered letter.

GUARANTEE. Every tuber we send out is selected from healthy plants and is guaranteed to be just as represented, true to name and healthy, and to arrive at destination in good growing condition. Any that prove otherwise will be replaced cheerfully if we are advised immediately. We have no control over them after delivery, and cannot guarantee them to live and thrive.

PRICES. The prices are for first-class field-grown bulb divisions only, and are consistent with quality, service, and guarantee. Six of any one variety may be had at the dozen rate. Ten times the individual price gives the rate per dozen. We do not sell propagated plants.

SIZE OF TUBERS. Some varieties of dahlias always produce small tubers, while others produce large ones. Because they are small, do not consider them worthless. The size of the tuber does not indicate the size of plant or flower.

TERMS. Cash with order or in advance of shipment. No C. O. D. shipments made.

NAME AND ADDRESS. Do not fail to write your name, street, and number, post office, county, and state, as plainly as possible. If you have post-office box or R. F. D., give number.

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Classification of Dahlias

Adopted by the American Dahlia Society

CACTUS DAHLIAS

- (a) True Fluted Type: flowers fully double, petals long, narrow, incurved or twisted, with sharp, divided or fluted points, and with revolute (rolled back) margins, forming in the outer florets a more or less perfect tube for more than half the length of the ray. (In listing the Cactus Dahlias we have further subdivided this type into the Straight-petalled and Incurved to assist you in making a selection.)
- (b) Hybrid Cactus or Semi-Cactus Type: flowers fully double, floral rays short as compared with previous type; broad, flat recurved or twisted, not sharply pointed except when tips are divided (Staghorn). Margins only slightly revolute, and tubes of outer florets, if any, less than half the length of the ray.

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

Double flowers, full to the center in early season, flat rather than ball-shaped, with broad, flat, somewhat loosely arranged floral rays (petals), with broad points or rounded tips which are straight or decurved (turned down or back), not incurved, and with margins revolute (rolled back) if rolled at all.

BALL-SHAPED DOUBLE DAHLIAS

- (a) Show Type: double flowers, globular or ball-shaped rather than broad or flat, full to center, showing regular spiral arrangement of florets; floral rays more or less quilled or with markedly involute margins and rounded tips. (The class called "Fancy Dahlias" is not recognized separately in this classification; a group no longer recognized.)
- (b) Hybrid Show, Giant Show or Colossal Type: flowers fully double, broadly hemispherical to flatly globular in form, loosely built so that spiral arrangement of florets is not immediately evident; floral rays, broad, heavy, cupped or quilled, with rounded tips and involute margins.
- (c) Pompon Type: shape and color may be same as (a) or (b), but must be under two inches in diameter.

PEONY FLOWERED OR "ART" DAHLIAS

Semi-double flowers with open center, the inner floral rays being usually curled or twisted; the other, or outer, petals being either flat or more or less irregular.

DUPLEX DAHLIAS

Semi-double flowers, with center almost exposed on opening of bud, with petals in more than one row, more than twelve in number, long and flat, or broad and rounded, not noticeably twisted or curled. Many so-called Peony Flowered Dahlias belong here.

Classification of Dahlias (Continued)

SINGLE DAHLIAS

Open-centered dahlias, small to very large, with eight to twelve floral rays, more or less in one circle. Margins often decurved (turned down or back). There are no distinctions as to colors. The type embraces the large Twentieth Century, as well as small English varieties.

COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

Single type; open centered. Blossoms with not more than nine floral rays, with one or more smaller rays, usually of a different color, from heart of each ray floret, making a collar about the disc.

ANEMONE—FLOWERED DAHLIAS

Flowers with one row of large floral rays (petals) like single dahlias, but with each disc flower producing small, tubular petals.

POMPON CACTUS

Small flowered, stellate, fine petalled Cactus Dahlia.

The excellent illustrations in the following pages, taken directly from our own blooms, make clear the characteristics of the varieties described.

Decorative Dahlias

YOU have in the Decorative the highest type of dahlia. It is the most gigantic in size of all the types, having beauty, substance; in fact, all the desirable characteristics. Those listed are the very finest obtainable, having been secured from all parts of the world. We have the very latest introductions of merit, as well as those of older origin which are worthy of a place in the garden of the most exacting. The name in parenthesis, when given, is that of the originator.

AIBONITA. This immense flower, of a lavender or violet pink, shading to white, with a rich, golden yellow at the center, received the admiration of every visitor to our gardens the past season. The flowers are very deep and carried on long, graceful stems high above the foliage. Height six feet. \$2.00

AMERICANA (Bessie Boston). A large, deep flower of many shell-
like petals, of a lovely color of soft, unshaded pink. Very long, stiff
stems carry the flowers above a tall growing plant, making it a very
fine cut flower for exhibitions made with long-stemmed blossoms.

\$5.00

AMUN RA (Seal). Known as "The Sun God" dahlia, and winner of
the 1921 Gold Medal at the San Francisco Show. This is an immense
decorative of an entirely new formation. The outer petals are of a gor-
geous shade of copper and orange, shading to gold and amber, and
deepening, in the large, full center, to a rich, dark, reddish bronze.
Wonderful stems, erect and stout, rising well above the foliage on a
strong, vigorous plant. The blossoms will keep for days when cut.
\$2.50

AZALEA (Bessie Boston). A large flower formed of many rows of long, narrow florets, giving it a very attractive, as well as uncommon, shape, carried on strong stems. Color is soft, creamy yellow, and the outer row of petals is tinged pink. Very desirable and an early bloomer.

BENARES (Bessie Boston). An early and continuous bloomer with fine, stiff stems, and excellent for cutting. A delightful combination of pale gold flushed red, and changing to gold as the flower is fully developed. Very fine. Height five and one-half feet \$2.50

BONITA (Bessie Boston). Pale bronze with gold lights is the coloring. Long, stiff stems carry the large, deep blossoms, and make it a fine cut flower. Height five and one-half feet. \$2.50

CALIFORNIA SUPERBA (Wintjen—Bessie Boston). A great prizewinner wherever exhibited. The color is a beautiful delicate shade of pink, which has caused a sensation. Flowers are composed of long, narrow petals and form a blossom of great depth, and measure eight to ten inches in diameter; borne on long, stiff stems and is a free and continuous bloomer. One of the very choicest of dahlias. \$4.00

CAMBRIA (Stredwick). This exceedingly large, clear pink is borne on very stiff stems. The plant is a strong grower, and considered the finest of the color. Good stock of this variety is very scarce, and our garden sales have been heavy. Height five feet. \$1.50



Decorative Dahlia

MARY C. BURNS (Bessie Boston). A sensational dahlia which attracts the attention of all visitors on account of the unusual coloring. The outside of the petals are an old gold, with the reverse a dull red—a combination which causes this variety to stand out most prominently in the garden. Flowers seven inches and can be forced larger, borne on stiff stems. Plants four to five feet in height.

One Dollar and Fifty Cents

CAROLYN WINTJEN (Wintjen). One of the 1921 introductions. A
beautiful salmon pink with rose shadings; large flowers on good stems.
A dahlia of merit. Had plants with thirteen perfect flowers at one time,
seven inches in diameter, on stems two feet in length \$0.75

CATHERINE WILCOX (Marean). This dahlia first attracted ou
attention at the New York Dahlia Show. It is very refined, of mediur
size, and most attractive color: white, points of petals tipped cerise
A strong grower and free bloomer with fine stem. Height four feet
\$2.0

CHARM (Marean). A much-admired dahlia of a very pleasing combination of burnt orange shading to yellow. Free blooming on stout, wirystems. Grows to a height of from four to five feet. Unexcelled as a cut-flower variety.

DOLLY VARDEN (Bessie Boston). The finest true pink we have ever grown; the coloring is somewhat relieved by a creamy pink center. The petal formation is irregular and borders closely to the hybrid cactus type, as the petals twist and curl. Fine for any purpose, and one which received the admiration of the many hundreds of visitors to our gardens. Height three and one-half feet. Stock limited. \$3.50

DR. TEVIS (Pelicano). A magnificent dahlia of a salmon rose, suffused with old gold, making a wonderful blending of colors. The immense flowers are held erect on fine, long, vigorous stems. Has always been a prize-winner and is a great favorite. Average height six feet.

ELENA AYRE (Hodgens). A very early and continuous bloomer of large flowers on perfectly stiff stems. Coloring is amaranth and Tyrian pink, with the reverse of petals Tyrian rose. Keeps well when cut and is always admired. A capital variety. Height four feet. . . \$2.50

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EMBASSADOR (Bessie Boston). Enormous blossoms of deepest shad of red or maroon, and when grown by us last season where slightly shaded were nearly black. This is a grand dahlia on heavy, stiff stems. Free flowering. Height five feet.	ly s.
FRANK A. WALKER (Alexander). Here is a variety every dahli grower should have for early flowers. This deep lavender pink, of medium size, is unexcelled for early and continuous blooming, and our most popular cut-flower variety. For hedgerows and border planting it is in great demand. Many of our customers have ordered this for borders to plant eighteen to twenty-four inches apart, and for that reason we have made a special price of \$3.50 per dozen, so as to get more persons to use dahlias for borders, and planting along walks, etc. Grows not to exceed three feet in height and does not need staking Single tubers. \$0.50	of ar ag or at et c. g.
FRAU GEHEIMART SCHEIFF. An extra fine dahlia of apricor orange, and yellow. Nice six-inch blossoms borne on long, wir stems holding the flowers erect above the foliage. Free flowering, an fine for house or garden decorations. Height four to five feet. \$1.00	y
GLORIANA (Hodgens). Immense blossoms of pure old gold with slight reddish glow in the center. Very long stems with leaves which grow out of the bush. Free bloomer all season. One of the finest. \$1.5	h
HARRY DAVIDSON. This is a novelty of a new color, being a ric mulberry tipped gold, graduated to a golden yellow center. Stirstems and free flowering. \$1.00	ff
HENRY MAIER. One of our earliest and most prolific bloomers Flowers average six inches carried erect on good stems, making it one of the bright spots in our garden. Dark primrose yellow with a suggestion of carmine. Average height six feet \$0.5	h
HERCULES (Marean). Enormous quilled, beautifully colored flower carried proudly on straight, stout stems. Color, tangerine and yellow. The reverse of the petals is shaded tangerine, and they are so place that the blending is most attractive. Average height five feet. \$2.0	v. d
JANE SELBY (Bessie Boston). One of the greatest prize-winner ever introduced, of a delicate mauve pink. Gigantic flowers produce on extra heavy, stiff stems. Keeps for a long time when cut; free flow ering. Average height six feet \$1.0	:d v-
JOHN ALDEN (Hodgens). One we have been looking for—a royal purple of merit. Here you have it in this variety. A 1922 introduction which should become very popular. Unusually long, stout, and leafless stems, carrying large, full flowers, blooming freely throughout the season. Fine cut-flower variety. \$2.00	n d it

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS (Bessie Boston). Very large, full flowers of yellow, suffused, splashed, and striped with brilliant scarlet, generally white tipped. Like most bi-colored dahlias you have flowers occasionally solid red color with white tips. Stiff stems and lasting cut flower. One of the finest. Average height five feet. . . . \$1.50

JUDGE MAREAN (Marean). Here is a dahlia you should possess. It is perfection itself. Very large flowers of a color most difficult to describe. A riot of color, ever changing as the flower ages, but of shades which blend beautifully: glowing salmon, pink, red, iridescent orange, yellow, and pure gold. Profuse bloomer, with long, straight, strong stems facing you boldly. Average height four feet.

KITTIE DUNLAP (Bessie Boston). This dahlia first attracted our attention at one of the shows on account of the delightful new shade of American Beauty rose. We consider this a great acquisition, having wonderful keeping qualities, long, strong stems, immense size, and fine form; a much-admired variety. \$2.50

LA MASCOTTE (Bessie Boston). An unusual dahlia of silvery white with a deep violet reverse which gives it a two-toned effect. Fine stems and a free bloomer. Height three feet. Stock limited. . \$2.50

LE TOREADOR (Marean). A true type of crimson color; we believe the finest of its color; unusual keeping qualities when cut. Very free flowering with strong, wiry stems. If you are looking for a crimson, do not pass it by. Height five feet. \$2.00

MADY SAVIGNON. Vigorous grower of spreading habits, producing large, yellow flowers freely on long, stiff stems. A real buy. Height five to six feet. \$0.50



Decorative Dahlia

SEQUOIA GIGANTEA (Burns). Properly named, as the large, vigorous plants tower above most others in the garden. Immense blossoms of a buttercup yellow with a suggestion of red. We had many flowers nine inches without forcing, borne on perfect stems, making it a capital variety for any purpose. Free flowering and perfect habits. Height six to seven feet.

One Dollar

MEPHISTOPHELES (Marean). A giant among dahlias—has size, color, substance, stems, form, and perfect habits. Vivid scarlet on extraordinarily heavy stems, holding the flowers erect, almost facing the sky. This is a masterpiece and one of the premiers among dahlias. Average height six to seven feet. \$3.00

MOONLIGHT. In cutting flowers last season we never missed this one of yellow-tipped peach pink, borne freely on long, wiry stems. Much admired by our visitors, and with heavy garden sales. Height four feet. \$0.50

MRS. CARL SALBACH (Salbach). What shall we say about this most magnificent variety? Unquestionably one of the very finest introductions. The largest and finest deep lavender pink dahlia to date. We would like to see it grown by all lovers of dahlias. Our blossoms averaged six to seven inches on field-grown plants without forcing, and stems always two to four feet, straight and stiff, holding the beautiful blossoms erect, so that they always face you. No fine collection is complete without it. Height five to six feet. \$1.00

MRS. I. DE VER WARNER (Marean). This dahlia always attracts attention on account of its beautifully charming color; finely formed blossoms of great size, produced on perfect stems. A soft orchid coloring seldom found. Very strong grower and free bloomer. One of the finest dahlias under cultivation. Height five to six feet. . . . \$3.∞



Decorative Dahlia

MABEL B. TAFT (Bessie Boston). We just love this dahlia! A beautiful decorative of yellow, suffused with pinkish apricot, blending lighter in the center. This is a favorite of ours, and especially valuable as a cut-flower variety. Must be thoroughly and carefully disbudded, for which you will be justly rewarded. Flowers six to seven inches on perfect stems. Height four feet.

Fifty Cents

MRS. JOHN L. EMERSON (Slocombe). Always a bright spot in
the garden, due to the wonderful combination of a warm shade of
red and gold, the petals distinctly edged and striped with gold. A
free bloomer; flowers deep and full, carried on good stems; formation
similar to "Glory of New Haven," shown on page 18. Average height
five feet

MRS. JOHN T. SCHEEPERS (Marean). Large flowers produced on strong stems of a clear canary yellow on opening, which gradually changes to a beautiful, delicate shade of pink suffusion on the outer petals. Free bloomer and vigorous grower. A dahlia of quality, and well worth the price asked. Height five feet. Stock limited. . \$5.00

MRS. R. R. STRANGE (Bessie Boston). A favorite with us, of a wondrous coloring of burnished copper with faint shadings of old rose and old gold. One of the finest for cut flowers, as it keeps well. Large, full flowers, produced freely on fine stems. One of the best of the autumn-tinted dahlias. Average height five to six feet. . . \$1.00

MRS. W. D'ARCY RYAN (Bessie Boston). One of the outstanding varieties in our prize exhibit at Boston this season. Gleaming old gold blossoms of large size produced on perfect stems. Is not surpassed by any other variety as a cut flower. One of our most popular dahlias. Stock limited. \$3.50

NOIR ALVAREZ (Nonin). Profuse bloomer of large flowers on perfectly straight, stiff stems. A velvety blood red, a color differing from any other listed. We had much pleasure in cutting great quantities of these beautiful blossoms last season. Plants of fine habits and always a mass of flowers. Height five to six feet. \$0.75

PATRICK O'MARA (Vincent). Pale gold or orange buff colored flowers borne on wonderful stems. A vigorous grower of perfect habits. This is a great cut-flower variety and good for all purposes. Height six to seven feet. \$1.00



Decorative Dahlia

GLORY OF NEW HAVEN (Slocombe). Everyone who visited our gardens was attracted by this remarkable dahlia of a beautiful shade of pinkish mauve. Blossoms are immense, being produced on a very vigorous growing plant. Good stems and one of the choicest. Indispensable for exhibition purposes. Average height five feet.

One Dollar

PINK LADY (Hayden). Clear rose pink blending gradually to white
at the center, making a dainty coloring. Flowers average six to seven
inches carried (n stiff stems. Our garden sales on this variety have
been heavy. Height five to six feet \$1.00

PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA (Lohrmann). The American Beauty dahlia. One of the choicest of crimson red; the center is very full and darker than the outer petals. Strong, robust grower with perfectly stiff stems. A flower of excellent keeping qualities. This variety always arrests admiration. Twenty-five blossoms of this variety, exhibited by us this season at the annual dahlia show held at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Massachusetts, won the first prize for the finest basket of dahlias. You are missing a gem in not having this most popular gold and silver medal variety. Average height five to six feet.

QUEEN MARY (Peacock). Pink dahlias are always in demand. This is a clear pink, of lighter shade than Delice, and a much better bloomer; in fact, a profuse bloomer of five-inch flowers on perfect stems. We, personally, very much admire this variety of older origin. Is worth more than the price asked. Height four and one-half feet.

ROOKWOOD (Bessie Boston). A huge blossom of pure bright cerise rose, carried on a perfect stem. The low growing bushes are always a mass of flowers. One of our earliest bloomers, and continues throughout the season to produce perfect flowers. For sheer beauty it is not excelled by any dahlia under cultivation. Height three feet. . \$5.00

SAMSON. An immense decorative of American origin. In color a
very pleasing combination of gold and red, making it a striking
flower. The plants are very vigorous growers, blooming early and con-
tinuously throughout the season. Stems are stiff and blossoms keep
well when cut. Average height five to six feet \$1.00
SERPOLETTE (Bessie Boston). A deep lavender where the blue

SERPOLETTE (Bessie Boston). A deep lavender where the blue instead of the pink tints prevail. Flowers have great size and depth with very stiff stems. Considered one of the finest, and a favorite with us. Height four feet. \$3.00

SHOWER OF GOLD (Bessie Boston). A brilliant yellow, deepening to soft apricot towards the center, making an uncommon coloring and one much in demand. Petals slightly fluted; strong stems and blooms freely. One of our best cut-flower varieties. \$1.00

SHUDOW'S LAVENDER (Bessie Boston). A dahlia with a wonderful reputation, and one of the greatest prize-winners ever introduced. We cannot properly describe all the good qualities, and to be fully appreciated it must be seen. Very large flower of a silvery lavender slightly shading to white. In real warm weather more white will be shown; in cooler and more or less cloudy weather, the white will almost disappear. It has long, stiff stems and holds the big blossoms erect. Continuous and free bloomer throughout the season. Tall and robust grower. Average height six to seven feet. . . \$4.00

ST. FRANCIS (Bessie Boston). An unusually fine dahlia of a soft cream color brightened with a pinkish glow. Unexcelled for cutting, exhibition, and garden, due to coloring, size, stems, and freedom in producing flowers of keeping qualities. Height four feet. . . \$5.00

SUSAN G. TEVIS (Bessie Boston). Dark or deep lilac blue, on ideal stems, produced freely and continuously. One of the finest dahlias grown. A vigorous grower with dark, bronze foliage. A 1923 introduction of unusual merit, and the admiration of all those having seen it in bloom. Large, deep flowers formed of narrow, flat, and pointed petals. Height four feet. \$7.50

T. A. LEONARD (Bessie Boston). One of the best we have had the pleasure of growing. A fine cut-flower variety with perfect stems; an early and continuous bloomer of immense flowers of a deep cerise, with a peculiar petal formation which is different. A center of attraction in our display garden. Height three feet. \$3.50

TENOR ALVAREZ (Nonin). Here's a dahlia that should become very popular. This variety always attracts attention on account of the odd coloring—violet red, very heavily striped and splashed lilac and white. A free bloomer, with flowers averaging six inches in diameter, borne on long, straight, stiff stems. We like the plant habits. Average height five to six feet. \$0.75

TOMMY ATKINS (Bessie Boston). A stunning color, described as flaming scarlet, glistening in the sunshine. This dahlia possesses every good quality—color, stem, size, and plant habits. A 1923 introduction. One of the most attractive and popular we grow. Height three feet. \$3.50

VENUS (Marean). Considered a most meritorious variety. A very lovely flower of a soft, beautiful shade of creamy white with lavender suffusion. Large flowers, being produced on strong, stiff stems. An attractive garden variety, but one of the best cut flowers grown. Very free bloomer. Height four feet. \$1.00

VIVIAN C. BUTLER (Estes). The best dark maroon decorative to our knowledge. A variety well suited to a warm climate. The flowers are larger and darker when grown where warm. Long, stiff stems carrying large, well-formed blossoms. \$1.00

W. E. COOPER (Bessie Boston). Huge blossoms of pink without a suggestion of lavender or mauve; produced on rigid stems. Very pleasing and attractive. A very choice variety. Height four feet.

WILLIAM SLOCOMBE (Slocombe). We believe this to be the largest and most beautiful canary-yellow decorative dahlia grown. One of the most popular varieties at the recent dahlia shows. Beautifully formed flowers of a clear canary yellow, so perfect that it seems almost impossible that they are real. On our field-grown plants, when disbudded, without forcing, flowers grew nine inches in diameter. Very free flowering. Height four feet. \$1.00

WOOZY OF OZ. A Californian of merit. Large, beautiful flower of a creamy pink, borne on good stems. Blends well with either pink or the golden dahlias, making a fine cut flower. \$1.00

Cactus Dahlias

THE Cactus Dahlias listed are the finest obtainable, having been selected from several thousand varieties as being the best of those of older origin and recent introductions. This classification of the dahlia will always be popular on account of the unusual formations. The name appearing after the variety name is that of the originator, those in parenthesis designate the type of cactus.

Cactus Dahlias (Continued)

BOWEN TUFTS: Alexander (Incurved). Large flowers of a bright capucine orange, blending to a bright golden orange in the center with yellow reflex. Flowers are very full and are borne on good stems. The plants are vigorous, robust growers, and produce flowers freely. Average height six feet. \$0.50

CALIFORNIA ENCHANTRESS: Bessie Boston (Hybrid Cactus). Immense flowers of a pale pink with a suggestion of lavender. Flowers are very full and freely produced on stiff stems. One of the most beautiful dahlias we have had the pleasure of growing. This variety is always in demand, and our sales in the garden have been heavy. We just wish you could see this hybrid cactus in bloom. A real acquisition. Height five feet. \$1.00

CLAREMONT: Salbach (Hybrid Cactus). A 1921 novelty of very dainty coloring. Soft rose pink with cream shadings. Petals twisted and pointed, which makes it unusually attractive. Long, stiff stems hold these beautiful blossoms well above the foliage. One of the attractions in our display garden. Height five to six feet. \$1.50

Cactus Dahlias (Continued)

ELSIE OLIVER: Bessie Boston (Hybrid Cactus). The most perfect type of the hybrid cactus, of enormous size, being a creamy pink shading to cream in the center. Size, color, and good stem make this a prize-winner. A free bloomer. Height three feet. . . . \$5.00

ESTHER HUNT: Bessie Boston (Hybrid Cactus). Large blossoms, with perfect center, composed of long, well-rolled petals with serrated tips. The coloring is a vivid Oriental orange, and is most striking in the garden or as a bouquet. Stem is perfect and flowers are unusually good keepers, either on the plant or when cut. One of the finest of this type. Height five feet.

GOLDEN WEST: Broomall (Hybrid Cactus). A striking old gold and of great merit, due to its size, stem, and great keeping qualities when cut. Average height four to five feet. \$0.50

LOLITA VELASCO: Bessie Boston (Hybrid Cactus). A perfect white cactus with slightly heavier petals than the English type, so it is classified as a hybrid. Petals extremely long and flowers of immense size. Stems very long and stiff, so that the flower always looks at you. Will keep for days when cut. Extra fine. \$5.00



Hybrid Cactus

NIBELUNGENHORT. This is a very popular and satisfactory dahlia of a beautiful old rose color. Flowers average five to six inches on perfectly stiff stems. It gives excellent results wherever grown, and pleases the most exacting. One of the best cut-flower varieties. Plants average five feet.

Fifty Cents

Cactus Dahlias (Continued)
MARIPOSA: Bessie Boston (Hybrid Cactus). This magnificent dahlia has created a furore wherever exhibited. It is a perfectly formed hybrid type of long, narrow, incurved petals twisted and curled, of a most beautiful shade of pink, with a deeper colored center. It has a slight violet suffusion which adds to the effectiveness. Immense flowers on wonderful stems which rise above the foliage. A gem of the first water. \$4.00
MISS HONEY: Stredwick (Straight). A brilliant scarlet of long, narrow petals. Unusually long and very stiff stems carry the flowers on a tall growing bush. Awarded first-class certificate. Height six feet. \$2.00
MRS. ALFRED HARVEY: Stredwick (Incurved). The finest incurved, narrow-petalled dahlia we have ever grown. A light salmon pink with darker shading at the base of floret. Fine long, stiff stems. Height five feet
MRS. C. H. BRECK (Hybrid Cactus). Creamy white, passing to various shades of rose pink. Stiff, straight stems and a free bloomer. We have had a great demand for this variety \$0.50
MRS. EDNA SPENCER: Spencer (Hybrid Cactus). There is no better dahlia than this one for cutting, as it lasts for a week. Color lavender or orchid pink. Large blossoms on strong stems. Highly recommended. \$1.00
MRS. LANSDALE: Cheal (Slightly Incurved). Golden yellow, heavily tipped, and suffused old rose. A tall growing plant, producing extra long, stiff stems. This dahlia always looks at you, and towers above most others in the garden
MRS. RICHARD LOHRMANN: Lohrmann (Hybrid Cactus). A pure gold yellow. Most free flowering, on perfect stems. None better for cutting. Height five to six feet. \$1.50
MRS. W. E. ESTES: Estes (Hybrid Cactus). An all-round choice variety. Snowy white, with a silvery sheen. Very large flower borne on perfect stems. Extra fine. Height six feet \$1.00
NATALIE ALSOP: Alexander (Incurved). A most beautiful dahlia of a dainty coloring of rose pink with a slightly white suffusion. Very free flowering on long, straight stems of flowers averaging six inches. The plant is a vigorous grower. Very choice. Average height six feet. \$0.50

Cactus Dahlias (Continued)
RED CROSS: Anderson (Hybrid Cactus). One of the finest of dahlias. The flowers are produced freely on strong, wiry stems, the color being a combination of red and yellow, with a suffusion most difficult to describe. \$1.00
RICHARD BOX: Stredwick (Incurved). This is an exceptionally fine variety of the true cactus type. A clear yellow, with long, narrow petals incurved over the center. Stems always stiff and straight, holding the flowers erect. Height five to six feet \$1.00
RIVAL: Stredwick (Incurved). Crimson scarlet throughout. Many long, narrow, spear-like petals form this most attractive blossom.

RUTH GLEADELL: Gleadell-Seal (Hybrid Cactus). Soft yellow, shading to apricot and bronze on the outer petals. The large flowers are borne on long, stiff stems and carried well above the foliage. Very fine cut-flower dahlia. Height six feet. \$0.50

Stems are long and stiff, carrying the large flowers entirely erect. One of the finest of English origin. Height six feet. \$2.00

SATISFACTION: Stredwick (Incurved). Color yellow, but faintly tinged or veined lilac at the back of the first florets. Very long, narrow petals. Stems good. Awarded Silver Medal at National Dahlia Society's Exhibit in England. Height five feet. . . . \$2.00

SILVERHILL PARK: Stredwick (Incurved). The finest narrowpetalled incurved white cactus ever introduced. Awarded a Gold Medal at National Dahlia Society's Exhibition, England. Free flowering and makes a beautiful cut-flower variety, as it keeps unusually well. Never burns in the sun, as some white dahlias do. A vase of these pearly white blossoms is most attractive. Height five

SNOWDRIFT: Howard & Smith (Hybrid Cactus). This giant white deserves its name. A very full deep-built flower of wavy petals. One of the most popular white dahlias. Fine, stiff stems, and keeps well when cut. An all-purpose variety. \$1.00

THE EAGLE: Burns (Hybrid Cactus). A prize-winner of a sulphur yellow. Large flowers with florets slightly reflex. A good keeper and prolific bloomer, with long, stiff stems. First prize at San

TOM LUNDY: Fenton (Hybrid Cactus). The finest deep velvety crimson dahlia of this type grown. A free bloomer, producing giant flowers on long, wiry stems. Blossoms seven to nine inches in diameter. You should have it. Height four and one-half feet.

Peony Flowered Dahlias

K NOWN as "Art Dahlias." Due to their great value for cut-flower purposes and garden decorations, their popularity has increased rapidly. Semi-double flowers showing a yellow center. In perfect type, the center should be surrounded by small, curling petals.

BERTHA BAILEY (Alexander). One of a brilliant scarlet, blend-
ing to a golden yellow at the center. "Geisha" formation of large
size and freely produced. A very early and continuous bloomer of
these beautiful flowers, making a most attractive garden variety, and
highly recommended \$0.50

BLOSSOM (Bessie Boston). A very large flower of dainty coloring, being white with a suggestion of pink. The tall growing bushes are in bloom throughout the season, so that makes it a capital garden and cut-flower variety.

CHANSON (Bessie Boston). The deepest lilac-colored dahlia we have ever seen. The blossoms are very large and composed of many broad and flat petals, giving it great substance. The first flowers come full centered, and would be classified as a decorative with us. A heavy peony with very stiff stem. Height five feet. . . . \$2.00

ELIZABETH BOSTON (Bessie Boston). Here, we believe, is the largest and finest of this type, being a deep crimson, shading to old gold at the tips. The center is surrounded with tiny, curling petals. Enormous flowers on exceedingly long and cane-like stems. Extra fine. \$3.00



Peony Flowered Dahlia

MRS. JESSIE SEAL (Gleadell). A magnificent old rose with golden shadings. The largest of its coloring; as one grower remarked, "there is none better." Particularly long stems, holding the big blossoms well above the foliage. This dahlia, with us, comes full to the center early in the season, making it a true decorative, but later is true peony in form. Height six feet.

One Dollar

Peony Flowered Dahlias (Continued)

GORGEOUS (Bessie Boston).	Most appropriately named. A
yellow, shading to a bright scarl	et. Huge flowers of great depth
on stiff, long stems, and blooms	freely all season. A magnificent
dahlia, producing flowers ten inche	es in diameter on cane-like stems.
Highly recommended	\$2.00

OLD GOLD. Dahlias of these colorings are always in demand. Deep golden amber, of large size, on fine, long stems. . . . \$1.00

PEARL RUGGLES (Ruggles). An exquisite colored blossom. A carmine rose suffused with pink, shading lighter at the tips, and to white at the base of the petals. Fine stems hold this beautiful flower erect. A most artistic variety and highly recommended.

\$1.50

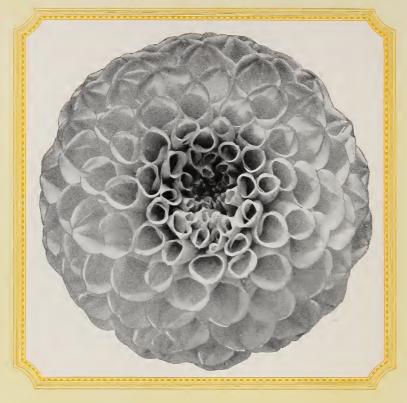
WALTA LINFORTH (Bessie Boston). A favorite with the public. Warm carmine in color is uncommon; the large size, with long stems and a mass of bloom, makes it very attractive. \$0.75

Hybrid Show or Colossal Dahlias

THIS classification of dahlia has the characteristics of both the Show and Decorative. It is more regular in formation than the Decorative and not so tightly quilled as the Show. The flowers are very large, all listed being much larger than a Show dahlia.

BETTY BIRD. One of the most beautiful of dahlias. Very large flowers of a glowing rose pink, deepening in the center; mighty attractive. Long, graceful stems hold the blossoms above a low growing bush. Extra fine. \$4.00

D. M. MOORE (Wilmore). A rich, dark, velvety maroon of five to six inches in diameter. It is the nearest to black of any dahlia grown. Very free and continuous bloomer. We recommend this as a grand dahlia of older origin, but always in demand. \$0.50



Show Dahlia

MAUDE ADAMS (Alexander). A beautiful white, overlaid a delicate pink; petals tipped and edged pink. Very free flowering on wonderful stems. The most perfect show dahlia in our garden, and we believe the finest of this type of dahlia. When cut, is unexcelled for floral work.

Fifty Cents

Hybrid Show or Colossal Dahlias (Continued)

LILLIE P. HATHAWAY (Hathaway). Lemon chrome. Free bloomer of perfect flowers. This is a very meritorious dahlia. \$0.50

SANTA CRUZ. Large and remarkably handsome flower of deep lemon yellow, overlaid and blending of salmon pink. Free flowering on perfect stems, being a robust grower. Height four feet. \$0.50

Show Dahlias

A MOST satisfactory list of round or ball-shaped dahlias with tightly quilled petals of rounded tips. The reproduction of "Maude Adams" gives the formation. All the varieties listed are abundant bloomers on good, long stems, and keep well when cut. Show dahlia, 50 cents each, or \$4.50 a dozen.

ANNA REHORST (Rehorst—Bessie Boston). Deepest shade of purple with quilled petal formation. Height three feet.

DAVID WARFIELD. Cherry red. Petals veined, making a very attractive flower.

ESMOND. The finest clear yellow show dahlia. A beautiful garden flower. Finest yellow.

GLORY OF LYONS. The finest white of the show type. Good bloomer with perfect stems. Height three to four feet.

MISS HELEN HOLLIS (Alexander). Finest deep scarlet of this type. Very much in demand and popular. Good bloomer.

NORMA. Bright orange, of perfect form.



Collarette Dahlias

Upper: Souv. de Chabane

Left: Ami Nonin Right: Achievement

Descriptions and prices given on page 33

under "Collarette Dahlias"

Collarette Dahlias

A VERY showy type and always admired. Many visitors inquired if these were also dahlias. The flowers have a single row of petals with an additional row of short petals around the disc which forms a frill or collar, usually of a different color from the outer petals. All Collarettes are fine for cutting. All varieties, 50 cents each, \$4.00 a dozen, six for \$2.00.

ACHIEVEMENT (Alexander). Best crimson, white inner petals. Height five feet.

AMI NONIN (Charmet). Crimson, carmine edged lilac.

SOUV. de CHABANE (Rivoire). Soft yellow deepening to red, with a yellow collar.

VIRGINIA LEE. Deep velvety carmine, edged sulphur yellow; collarette, pale sulphur yellow. Stiff stems, making it one of the most attractive. Fine for cutting. Height five feet.

WHITE DOVE. Pure white, of beautiful form.

WM. WELSH (Bessie Boston). A creamy yellow with a long collar of same color.

Pompon Dahlias

THE finest type of dahlia for cutting. To be classified as a Pompon they must not exceed two inches. Many are much smaller and are fine for boutonnières. All those listed are free flowering on fine stems, and we believe the finest and best collection obtainable. We admire these beautiful little blossoms—so perfect. All 50 cents each, \$4.00 a dozen.

AIMEE (Bessie Boston). Very small flower of bronze, new coloring.

AMBER QUEEN. Clear amber shaded apricot.

DARKSOME (Alexander). Deep wine crimson; a beauty.

Pompon Dahlias (Continued)

DEE DEE. Shade of pure lavender; very dainty.

GIRLIE. Pure lilac; fine.

GLOW. Light old rose; much admired.

HECLA. Small white; very useful.

IDEAL. Light yellow; one of the best.

JESSICA. Yellow, edged red; dainty.

JOAN (Bessie Boston). Clear yellow, suffused with pinkish red; new; very fine.

JOHNNIE. Very tiny, of a deep red.

LEADER. Lemon yellow, tipped rosy purple.

LITTLE BEAUTY. Light pink.

LITTLE BEESWING. Cherry red, base of petals golden yellow.

PHYLLIS. Deep yellow, edged red.

REGULUS. Bright purple, small.

SNOWCLAD. Small white, best white.

SUNBEAM. Crimson and scarlet.

SUNSET. Orange; a beauty.

TINY TIM. Smallest and most perfect pink.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

DUE to so many requests for tubers only, it becomes necessary for us to state that we do not take any slips or cuttings from our clumps or tubers; neither do we buy or sell green plants. We plant strong, healthy tubers and are satisfied, in the interest of preserving the dahlia, to take the natural increase in tubers grown from tubers, rather than in an attempt to increase our stock rapidly by propagation, and weaken the vitality of our product.

Special Offers

WE have a quantity of mixed tubers, due to labels becoming detached. These tubers can be had for \$2.00 a dozen.

For \$3.00 a dozen, our selection, you can secure named varieties of which we have a large stock.

We grow many varieties of dahlias which are not listed, due to limited stock. If you are interested in any varieties not given, please write us about them.

Cultural Notes

COMPLETE cultural instructions will be sent with every shipment of \$2.00 or over.

A copy of this valuable booklet on how to grow dahlias will be sent to any one on receipt of twenty-five cents.



Dahlia Knife

WE have had so many inquiries and requests for knives for separating tubers that we have arranged with the Harrington Cutlery Company, Southbridge, Massachusetts, to distribute the "Dexter" knife. We have tried a great many knives, and have found this to be the most satisfactory and best suited for the purpose.





